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1. The Bugacz maneuver area is some 8 to 10 km-wide and 15 to 20 km-long, and lies between the Kecskemét-Szank narrow gauge railroad and the Jakabszállás-Bócsa road.
2. Hungarian troops were exercising there throughout the summer, and about the middle of September 1952 were joined by others(sic). The area was carefully sealed off, and observation was difficult. Nevertheless it was possible to determine that there were present two or three infantry regiments from the garrisons of Cegléd, Szolnok, Kecskemét, Szente and Csongrád, three field artillery regiments from the garrisons of Kecskemét, Szolnok and Jászberény, an AA unit from Szente, and about 50 tanks from Cegléd, Kecskemét and Szolnok.
3. Mortars and small caliber artillery were also observed. There was no cavalry observed. Movements were by truck. The total number was about 8,000 men.
4. No Russian troops were present, but there were Russian liaison staffs at several points.
5. Part of the participating troops were quartered in the nearby villages, although most of them were in tent camps. The barracks in the area were occupied only by staffs, the quartermasters, and the hospital.
6. Air bombing exercises were held at the close of the ground exercises, the planes coming from the direction of Kecskemét. On such occasions a target range detachment of an officer and 35 men were present to observe results. Russian planes also conducted bombing exercises, the Russians furnishing their own target range detachment, but with Hungarian observers accompanying them.

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